

**JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

2020 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature approves the negotiated settlement agreement for Ronald May et al. v. Utah Department of Corrections regarding Chronic Hepatitis C treatment for Utah Department of Corrections inmates.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ approves the negotiated settlement agreement for Ronald May et al. v. Utah Department of Corrections regarding Chronic Hepatitis C treatment for Utah Department of Corrections inmates.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) was sued by Ronald May and others representing a class of inmates suffering from Chronic Hepatitis C, alleging that UDC denied necessary medical care by failing to use direct-acting antiviral drugs in Chronic Hepatitis C treatments, in Ronald May et al. v. Utah Department of Corrections;

WHEREAS, plaintiffs and UDC have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement;

WHEREAS, by entering into this settlement agreement, UDC agrees to screen and treat



28 inmates for Chronic Hepatitis C using direct-acting antivirals, in accordance with the terms set  
29 forth in the settlement agreement;

30 WHEREAS, by entering into this agreement, UDC also agrees to provide preventative  
31 health education and notice of the settlement to inmates, in accordance with the terms set forth  
32 in the settlement agreement;

33 WHEREAS, by entering into this agreement, UDC agrees to pay a sum of  
34 \$4,500--inclusive of all costs and fees in complete and final settlement of Ronald May et al. v.  
35 Utah Department of Corrections--to each class representative plaintiff;

36 WHEREAS, the proposed settlement agreement provides flexibility to UDC in treating  
37 inmates based on the severity of their illness and phases in treatment plans;

38 WHEREAS, the settlement agreement shall be terminated as of June 30, 2024; and

39 WHEREAS, as per Section [63G-10-303](#), the Legislature and governor must approve  
40 settlements of more than \$1,000,000 before a governmental entity may sign such an agreement:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
42 approves the proposed settlement agreement for Ronald May et al. v. Utah Department of  
43 Corrections.